

**Introduced by Senator Kuehl**

February 23, 2007

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An act to amend Section 1701.5 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to public utilities.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 724, as introduced, Kuehl. Public Utilities Commission: ratesetting and quasi-legislative cases.

Under the Public Utilities Act, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities and is authorized to conduct investigations and conduct proceedings. The act authorizes the commission to determine whether a proceeding requires a hearing, and if so, to determine whether the matter requires a quasi-legislative, adjudication, or ratesetting hearing. The act requires the commission, with certain exceptions, to resolve issues raised in a specified scoping memo within 18 months of the date on which the scoping memo is issued.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the provision requiring the resolution of the issues raised in the scoping memo.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1701.5 of the Public Utilities Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 1701.5. (a) Except as specified in subdivision (b), in a
- 4 ratesetting or quasi-legislative case, the commission shall resolve

1 the issues raised in the scoping memo within 18 months of the date  
2 the scoping memo is issued, unless the commission makes a written  
3 determination that the deadline cannot be met, including findings  
4 as to the reason, and issues an order extending the deadline. No  
5 single order may extend the deadline for more than 60 days.  
6 (b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the commission may  
7 specify in a scoping memo a resolution date later than 18 months  
8 from the date the scoping memo is issued, if that scoping memo  
9 includes specific reasons for the necessity of a later date and the  
10 commissioner *that is* assigned to the case approves the date.